German figures of their War Losses in submarines, year by year, which are as follows :—

1914	..	5 submarines lost by enemy action
1915	•• 19	yy yy » »
1916	.*. 22	„ „ „ „
1917	- - 63	„
1918	. . 69	„ „ „ „

From the end of July, 1917, to the end of October, 1918, we were sinking German submarines at an average rate of seven every month. In August, convoys were also instituted for outward-bound ships, a measure proposed in the original scheme of the committee, but at first *Outward* postponed on account of the alleged *Diluted* difficulty of providing escorts. From this time until the end of the War, convoyed ships enjoyed a considerable and growing immunity from submarine attack. As the " Official History " states :—

> " The experience gained showed that a convoy had intrinsically great powers of evasion, in that it was almost impossible for a submarine com-mander to place himself right upon its track, at the right time of the day, and in a good position for attacking it, when its course and time of arrival were completely unknown to him. The great successes of the submarine commanders had hither-to been due to the immensity of their target: they had only to post themselves outside the patrolled routes somewhere between the Fastnets and Scillies,

and they were practically certain to sight merchant-
men if they waited for them. Some areas were
better than others, but as the whole zone was